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BY ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition for Waiver – Allied Wireless Communications Corporation
Petition for Waiver – Georgia RSA #8 Partnership
WC Docket No. 09-197
CC Docket No. 96-45
WC Docket No. 08-71
Reexamination of Roaming Obligations of Commercial Mobile Radio Service
Providers
WT Docket No. 05-265
Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter provides notice that, on March 4, 2011, Michael Prior, Chief Executive Officer of Atlantic Tele-Network, Inc. (“ATN”), Frank O’Mara, CEO of Allied Wireless Communications Corporation (“Allied Wireless”), and the undersigned participated in a meeting with Chairman Genachowski, Edward Lazarus, and Zac Katz of the Chairman’s Office, Sharon Gillett of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and James Schlichting of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, regarding the above-referenced dockets.

In the meeting, we discussed the merits of the above-referenced petitions for waiver of certain procedural rules applicable to Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. Specifically, we demonstrated that the waiver requests satisfy the relevant legal standard for a grant, and that grant of the requested waivers would be consistent with Commission precedent and policy and would advance the Commission’s public interest goals for the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure and services to consumers in rural areas in Georgia. The substance of the discussion reflected the arguments made in Allied Wireless’s February 4, 2001

Written *Ex Parte* Communication regarding this matter.¹ In addition, we discussed the benefits to competition and consumers in Georgia that would result from restoring the Universal Service Fund support that was interrupted as a result of the Government-mandated divestiture of certain markets acquired in the merger of Verizon Wireless and Alltel. Finally, we discussed ATN's and Allied Wireless's experience with data roaming arrangements among carriers and whether and how the Commission could address roaming-related issues of importance to smaller wireless carriers.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System.

Kindly direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas J. Minster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas J. Minster
Vice President, Government and Regulatory
Affairs

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Edward Lazarus
Zac Katz
Sharon Gillett
James Schlichting

¹ See Letter from Jeffrey C. Humiston, Vice President and General Counsel, Allied Wireless, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, WC Docket No. 09-197, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 08-71 (Feb. 4, 2011).